

### REMARKS

Claim 2 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this Amendment, the subject matter of Claim 2 has been incorporated into Claim 1, thereby placing all claims in condition for allowance.

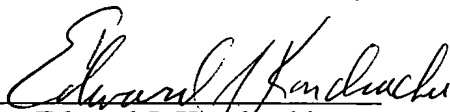
Accordingly, passage of the case to issue is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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